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HEIDELBERG, Germany – Soldiers of Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Command returned home April 26, following their year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“For the past year I have had the honor of staying in close contact with Col. Doyle and the 30<sup>th</sup> [Medical Command],” explained Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, Chief of the Army Medical Service Corps and the Army’s Deputy Surgeon General. “As a former commander of this brigade I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of the successes that you’ve had throughout the last year. Simply put – you have saved lives.”

Task Force 30th MEDCOM uncased its colors at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan 12 months ago becoming the first Theater Medical Command in Afghanistan. In previous years, command and control had been decentralized throughout the theater. Task Force 30th provided a new solution, with centralized planning and expanded roles in health service support, force health protection, medical logistics, patient movement, and health care policy.

“For the thousands of Soldiers, Sailors Airmen and Marines and the thousands of Family Members of those wounded, thank you for what you have accomplished during your year of deployment,” said Rubenstein, who served as the commander of the 30<sup>th</sup> from 2004-2005.

Rubenstein also expressed his thanks to the Family Members who played an important role throughout the deployment.

“Your support of your Soldier, your husband, your wife, your father, your mother, has been incredible and has been equally important. The successes of these Soldiers are your successes as well,” he said.

The unit is scheduled to officially uncasing its colors June 4 at its headquarters on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg.

As a subordinate of the Europe Regional Medical Command, the 30<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM provides expeditionary theater-level medical command and control, health service support, force health protection and medical synchronization of assigned and attached medical forces in support of USAREUR/7th Army or any directed global contingency operation.



Maj. Peder Swanson reunites with his family during the Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Command's Welcome Home Ceremony April 26. Swanson, and the Soldiers of Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM, returned from a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom April 26.



Lt. Col. Rodrigo Chavez Jr. is welcomed home by Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, the Europe Regional Medical Command commander. Chavez, and the Soldiers of Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM, returned from a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom April 26.



Maj. Jill Henderson is welcomed home on the flight line at Ramstein Air Base by the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Command (Rear)(Provisional) Commander, Col. Robert Jordan. Henderson, and the Soldiers of Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM, returned from a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom April 26.



Sgt. Richard Powers reunites with his family during the Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Command's Welcome Home Ceremony April 26. Swanson, and the Soldiers of Task Force 30<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM, returned from a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom April 26.